

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: Henry County Administrative Building, Board Room on **Monday March 29, 2010** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Directions:** From Route 220, take the Collinsville exit. At first stop light, take a left onto King's Mountain Road. Administrative Building is approximately two miles on left at 3300 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA 24112.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces the final public meeting to discuss a study to restore water quality in the Smith River watershed.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of biological impairment (general standard) in the Smith River watershed. The general standard indicates the water quality does not support a natural aquatic invertebrate community.

The following is the "impaired" stream, the length of the impaired segment, location and the reason for the impairment: Smith River, 13.77 miles, Henry County, Martinsville City, general standard (benthic).

The state agencies developed a Total Maximum Daily Load, or a TMDL, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by April 28, 2010. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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